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MUS 343: Advanced Choral Conducting

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MUSIC 343: ADVANCED CHORAL CONDUCTING

Course Description: Advanced Choral Conducting will provide the prospective or current music educator with cognitive learning, skills, and motivation that will directly enhance his/her ability to conduct and provide other leadership to musical ensembles. Emphasis will be placed on significant choral repertoire and on rehearsal and directing skills.

Prerequisite: Basic Conducting (Music 315) or one college-level conducting course and prior approval of the instructor.

Goals:
1. The student will be inspired to lifelong service as an excellent conductor of musical performances.
2. The student will be able to demonstrate, with increasing skill, the physical gestures required for competent conducting.
3. The student will demonstrate increased awareness of significant choral repertoire appropriate for high school and church use, including works which are representative of a variety of historical periods and cultural sources.
4. The student will demonstrate a concerned and disciplined attitude. This will be demonstrated through perfect class attendance, complete preparation for in-class conducting, willingness to participate in class, and a kind and helpful relationship with classmates.
5. The student will demonstrate the ability to use self-evaluation of video tapes as a life-long learning tool.

Methods of Instruction: In-class conducting exercises, lecture, reading assignments, demonstration, observation of video tapes, listening to audio recordings, class discussion, class presentation, individual conducting exercises, rehearsal and performance with lab choir.

Evaluation:
Reading reports 15%
Choral Composer Presentation 10%
Choral Composer Paper 10%
Rehearsal Preparation 20%
Rehearsal Video Reviews 20%
Final Exam Concert 15%
Attendance/Participation 10%

Texts:


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